

外務省及び国連薬物・犯罪事務所（UNODC）共催

「法の支配に基づく刑事司法の対応強化を通じたテロにつながる
暴力的過激主義及び帰還 FTF の防止に関する地域間ワークショップ」

山田政務官による開会挨拶

Distinguished participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,

（導入）

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to welcome you all to this cross-regional workshop organized by the Government of Japan together with UNODC.

Japan has a long-standing cooperation with UNODC, which has a lot of expertise in the field of international counter-terrorism and transnational organized crime.

It is our great pleasure to host this workshop again in Tokyo.

Taking this opportunity, let me briefly talk about the importance of making united efforts to fight against terrorism as well as our strategic views on the way forward.

(總論)

Acts of terrorism are unjustifiable regardless of their motivation, and they must be strongly condemned.

The international community as a whole should take a firm position against them.

Today, terrorism has become a far more transboundary phenomenon, and no country can ensure its own peace or security alone.

Therefore it is of paramount importance for the international community to redouble its concerted efforts and to take coordinated actions in order to fight against terrorism.

Terrorist attacks continue to take place all around the world, and the threat posed by terrorist organizations remains serious.

Advancement of technology has made it easier for those entities to share information and conspire within and across organizations, and to gain wider geographical access and smuggle arms.

Under these circumstances, the ideologies of terrorist organizations have been spreading not only in the Middle East and Africa, but also in Asia, and terrorism has become diverse in its forms.

Looking at how diverse the nationalities of the perpetrators and victims in recent cases are, no one would question the increasing importance of forming a united front against terrorism.

As a matter of fact, ISIL has lost almost all of its territories in Syria and Iraq.

However, recruitment and propaganda activities are still active, especially in cyber space.

In addition, ISIL still remains to be a strong brand-name in many places.

Taking a look at Asia, a shocking incident occurred last year in which a group that claimed themselves as “ISIL affiliates” occupied the city of Marawi in the Philippines.

This year alone, we saw several other terrorist attacks in Surabaya of Indonesia and in Bashiran Island of the Philippines.

We need to keep a close eye on the situation in Asia.

（日本の取組と課題）

In order to counter terrorism effectively, merely employing immediate measures is not enough;

we need to take a mid- to long-term approach to address the root causes of terrorism.

With this understanding, Japan has been working to strengthen international cooperation with a three-layer approach:

First, counter-terrorism capacity development of relevant organizations such as those in charge of border control and law enforcement;

Second, measures to counter violent extremism, including youth employment promotion as well as community support through women's empowerment; and

Third, social and economic development assistance to create a foundation for a moderate society.

For example, the Government of Japan has been working on measures to enhance counter terrorism capabilities through combatting terrorist finance because terrorism and transnational organized crime are closely linked.

The proceeds of organized crime, such as illicit trafficking, the trade of arms and drugs, and kidnapping, are an important source of funding for terrorists.

With this understanding, Japan will enhance international cooperation and assistance for developing countries to prevent and combat transnational organized crime.

Japan has been engaged in building a broad cooperative framework that includes developing countries, while utilizing international frameworks such as G7, the UN, FATF, and APG.

Japan is also funding projects to counter terrorist financing in cooperation with UNODC.

(本ワークショップの位置づけ)

It is my great pleasure to organize this event as part of such efforts.

Today, you will assess the current situation and challenges of criminal justice systems concerning counter-terrorism measures in South and Southeast Asian countries.

The workshop will also cover the issue of Foreign Terrorist Fighters, as it is one of the real threats of terrorism in our region, by sharing good practices regarding prosecution and

treatment.

Tomorrow, we will share our lessons learned from a tragic chemical terrorist attack.

In 1995, Japan experienced a sarin-induced terrorism by Aum-Shinrikyo, a domestic cult, which caused mass casualty. The incident took place right here in Kasumigaseki, where most of the Ministries and government agencies are located.

We will also brief you on Japan's "Koban" system, or Japanese police-box system, which is indispensable to the safety of local communities.

We have also arranged a visit to rehabilitation facilities that support the reintegration of former prisoners.

I hope you will make most of this workshop so that you can play an even more proactive role back in your respective countries.

(結論)

Ladies and gentlemen,
we should not let Asia become a loophole in global counter-terrorism efforts.

The whole region needs to unite together and continue our efforts such as comprehensive capacity building and social stabilization.

In this connection, Japan is currently enhancing its counter-terrorism measures, as we will host a series of big events in the coming years.

Next year, Japan will host the 2019 Rugby World Cup, G20 Summit meeting, and the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor.

In addition, the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games are scheduled in 2020, and Osaka will host the 2025 World Exposition.

In preparation of these events, prevention of terrorist attacks is one of our most important agenda.

In concluding my remark, I would like to reassure you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will advance its initiatives based on the three-layer approach, and will promote international counter-terrorism efforts with the international community.

The Ministry will also promote consultations and exchanges of views with other relevant foreign authorities.

I hope this workshop will contribute to taking the cooperation and partnership among Asian countries to the next level so that we can together counter terrorism and violent extremism effectively.

Thank you for your attention.